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Dear Jim,

Lil discovered this morning that you forgot your raincoat here. Fortunately, with the large number of guests we had last week, it has you name in the collar. If you are not here first, I'll bring it to DC for you when next I go there. As of now, this looks like it will be at least a week, for there is this trip to NYV tomorrow and on return I have a conference with the judge and USDA Friday, Baltimore.

As I told you, I have drafted a letter to Boggs. I'll have a copy for you.

The thing I gave up when you were not here has not since materialized. I have spent some phone money trying to recapture it, but schedules preclude it, at least for the moment.

There are other things that have come to me, things that in the past I gave you automatically. They refer to reciprocation. Without this, they will have to await my determination that you(pl) need them. The relationshop of the past is ended. If there is any at all in the future, the decision will not be mine, only the terms will be. I am prepared, as I have always been, but not for endless abuse and violation of trust, unkept promises and the gamut of irrationalities, amoralities, etc.

As soon as I can I will be writing Bud. One of the major reasons will be what I know in advance is almost certainly a futility. However, I feel I owe it to him as well as the rest of us.

In view of what you know I could have said and done, I think you will find my Boggs letter moderate and understated.

There is one other thing I'd intended asking you about. As you know, we had no time for other things. There is a simple bit of research that should be conducted for me alone in Washington. It requires care and time, not skill. If, as it may, it yields what you ought have, when I consider it appropriate, you will. If you know any student with free time when school is out, who you will not question about what I ask of him and will not tell you(any of you) what it is, I'm interested. If you do not, I'll try and make other arrangements. If I do, and you eventually have the need, it will be yours.

I think you understand that this enormous drain on my time and emotions must come to an end, and that I cannot in good conscience be part of any irresponsibility or self-seeking in this work. I would like to protect us all from the foolishness, ignorance, vanity and plain stupidity of so many, but I have come to the decision that it is beyond me or any one man. Until the underinformed come to realize their limitations, until the myopic get their corrections, and until the ego-dominated come to see that he who would teach the pope religion ought themselves pray, my hands are tied.

In candor and confidence I tell you that when I am in New York and am exploring the publishing possibilities of the package I outlined to you, I will explore the possibilities of the second book I described. I do not plan to do it unless and until I decide there is no alternative. But I will explore so that if I decide it is required for our integrity and our survival, I will know its prospects.

With troubling regrets,

no carbons to anyone